

FIRST MEETING.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920, at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Moorhead (Chairman) Seabrook, Wheatcroft, Brighton, W.A. Wilson and Drake.

CHAIRMAN.

1. Alderman Moorhead thanked the members for the honor of electing him Chairman of the Committee, and asked their support.

The Chairman briefly outlined some of the work before the Committee.

Alderman Wilson objected that the Chairman was not legally elected and demanded a new election.

MINUTES.

2. The minutes of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth meetings are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MAITLAND STREET PAVEMENT.

3. Messrs. Dr. Smith, Jas. McKenzie and Day, appeared before the Committee asking that pavement be constructed on Maitland Street between Dufferin and Queen's Avenue as early as possible. It was the main approach to Lord Roberts School.

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that the prayer of the petition be granted and the work one of the first undertaken.

4. LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS. (see pars 728, 729 of 1919 minutes.)

Mayor Little stating that a program of local improvement work for 1920 will be submitted to you. The various bylaws should be read a first time and referred to No. 2 Committee.

The city is fairly well taken care of in the matter of sidewalks, but curbs and gutters will be required in most instances where it is proposed to pave - and pavements are of vital importance. All of our leading thoroughfares should be paved to the city limits, on a two-thirds vote of the council, if necessary, so that access may be had to all parts of the city. When this is done, the existing pavements should be linked up by taking care of the cross streets.

Notwithstanding the fact that the storm sewers bylaw failed to carry, storm sewers necessary for pavement construction must be laid, and it will be your duty to decide in what way this can best be taken care of. They may be constructed as a local improvement, but if so, debentures issued must be for not longer than ten years, and it may be well to consider the advisability of having this term extended to twenty years.

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5. BY-LAWS.

Mayor Little stating that it has been most unfortunate that so many by-laws were submitted to the people this year, for it was due very largely to this fact that many important questions were defeated at the polls. With regard to some of these matters, it will be found that the Council must take some action, notwithstanding the vote of the people. For example, we must keep our highways open and if any of our roadways or bridges are in an unsafe condition, they must be taken care of. We must bear in mind, however, that the ratepayers are desirous of having capital expenditure watched most carefully.

In this connection, it would not be amiss to point out the importance of each body keeping within its limits, once the tax rate has been struck. The figures for 1919 are not yet available, but the treasurer intimates that practically the only overdraft will be in the reception account of No. 1 Committee, and this, of course, is due to the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in October last.

I do not wish to dwell at great length on the subject of the by-laws, as it will be found necessary to take them up in the various committees from time to time.

I would point out, however, that the council should endeavor, if at all possible, to have these matters brought up much earlier in the year, so that they may be in a position to take responsibilities on themselves - for I believe that this is the wish of those who elect us to a large degree.

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6. CO-OPERATION.

Mayor Little stating that co-operation is the universal demand of the present day, and the finances of our city and the tax rate respond very largely to the presence or lack of co-operation.

I would suggest that as has been done during the past two or three years, all the spending boards, who are equally interested with us in the welfare of the city, meet together at an early date to discuss the city's needs and the city's liabilities. If this be done before the estimates are prepared, there will surely be most beneficial results.

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7. TOWN PLANNING.

Mayor Little stating that the action of the ratepayers, with regard to this question, without going too much into details, which are familiar to you, seems to bespeak a keen interest in the improvement of living conditions in the city, and also the necessity of making haste slowly. In all probability, once some feasible and comprehensive master plan is evolved, the citizens will be only too ready to provide funds for both the Memorial Hall (which we all feel we owe to the heroes of the great war) and the city hall and municipal offices. Before, however, we commit ourselves to the establishment of a town planning commission, it is necessary that we give very careful consideration to the provisions of the municipal act respecting the formation of such a commission. The provisions of the act as at present have been considered unsatisfactory, both to the Ontario Municipal Association and the several town-planning conventions which have been held. Representation will be made to the Government to modify these provisions considerably, and you should give the matter your early attention and await the action of the Legislature before appointing any commission.

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to a special Committee consisting of Aldermen Drake, W.A. Wilson Brighton, Engineer Brazier, and the City Clerk for report as to town-planning account amendments proposed by the town-planning convention and suggestions for improvements.

8. ELECTIONS.

Mayor Little stating that in this connection, would it not be well for us to discuss the question of a change in the date of the elections? It has been suggested, and I think wisely, that the Council should be elected from the city at large, not to represent the four wards. If this were done, continuity of work might be secured through the election of six members of the council each year to serve for two years.

If the election were held earlier in the fall, before the bad weather sets in, we should be able to bring out a larger vote. The new council and other civic boards might be in harness at least a month earlier, and this should result in a considerable saving to the city in the matter of interest alone. We are large borrowers from the bank until the first installment of our taxes is paid, and it is believed that a saving of \$2,500 in interest would be made if we could have our estimates brought down, and the tax rate struck one month earlier.

Alderman Wilson, moves and it is adopted, that the further consideration of the matter be laid over and the City Clerk instructed to write cities respecting their experience in the matter and asking for suggestions for a suitable date so that united action may be taken thereon.

9. SOLDIER'S AID ROOM.

E.H. Lance stating that as you are probably aware this Commission has for some years maintained in connection with our Welfare Department a supply depot for the collecting and distributing of clothing, bedding supplies etc., where it is found necessary in cases of hardship.

Through the kindness of the Federal Government we have a room in the Carling Block, which until a short time ago was on the first floor, readily accessible. But, owing to the gradual growth of the Income Tax Department, we have been forced to vacate the room so long occupied, in order to give this Department further office space; and have been forced to go to the top floor of the building where there was a room available.

It is found that this room is very undesirable on account of the difficulty of getting to it, and at your kind suggestion the other day I had a look at the room beneath the office of the City Auditor, and believe that it would be quite suitable. It is dry, clean and fairly light, close to our present offices and reasonably accessible; and I will greatly appreciate your obtaining permission for us to use this room as a supply depot.

We will of course have on hand a considerable quantity of supplies some of which will be valuable, and it will therefore be necessary to have the room locked, but I trust that it will be found possible to accede to our request.

The Clerk states that the room proposed by Mr. Lance would be required by him for election purposes a month before election, and a month after any election. It was the only room that could be used. He suggested to Mr. Lance that he could use the room at the foot of stairway and erect a partition and doorway to suit himself.

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to the City Clerk and Chairman with power.

C. Forrester stating that in reference to his letter of September 29th in regard to the closing of Wilton Avenue to permit this Company to use its property located east of Egerton Street for reclamation yard.

We have had several communications from the City Engineer, the last one being a suggestion that we either divert Wilton Avenue so that the south street line will run along line of our property or that we deed to the City sufficient property to run along the south limit of our property.

We are not agreeable to these proposals and feel that as this Company own all of the property on each side of Wilton Avenue and that we are about to establish an industry that will add additional population to the City that we should be permitted to close Wilton Avenue.

Mr. Forrester states that he realizes that the Council for 1919 have completed their labours and that nothing further can be done along that line this year but Mr. Forrester would thank you to bring the matter to the attention of the proper municipal body as early as possible in the year 1920 in order that they may have the matter disposed of in time for them to start yard early in the spring.

Mr. Forrester states that he would also be glad to be advised of the names of the Committee who have been appointed to look into this matter in order that he may confer with them and explain the proposition to them.

Upon motion the matter is referred to Alderman Wilson and Engineer Brazier for report.

11. WILLIAM STREET PAVEMENT.

S. Baker certifying that the Council of 1919 adopted the following motion, viz:- "That the Council of 1920 be recommended to place the construction of William Street, between Queen's Avenue and Dufferin Avenue pavement, on their programme".

Upon motion the prayer of the petition is granted.

12. QUEEN'S AVENUE PAVEMENT WIDENING.

S. Baker certifying that the Council had adopted the following motion, viz:- "That owing to congestion of traffic on Queen's Avenue, No. 2 Committee investigate the advisability of widening the pavement from Richmond to Waterloo Streets.

Upon motion the matter is referred to Engineer Brazier for report.

13. MCLEOD MARQUISE.

H. A. Brazier and A. M. Piper stating that Messrs. Norman McLeod Limited have made application for the erection of a marquee in front of the new Allen Theatres at 204 Dundas St. in accordance with their drawing No. 343 - 6. We beg to recommend that their application be granted subject to the signing of the necessary bond to indemnify the city against damages, etc., to proper provision being made for the removal of surface water from the roof and to the marquee being 10 ft. wide, i.e. the width of the present sidewalk, instead of 12 ft, as shown on the plan.

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted.

14. PUBLIC UTILITIES ACCOUNT.

S. Baker certifying that the Council, at its last session, adopted the following motion, viz:- "That the offers of the Utilities Commission to settle the account for damages to certain pavements by reason of water breakages by payment of one-half of the account be refused, and the matter referred to the Council 1920, and the Commission advised accordingly".

Alderman Drake, moves, and it is adopted, that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted.

15. PARKING CARS AT HOSPITALS (see pars. 706, 725 of 1919 minutes).

S. Baker certifying that the Council, at its last session, adopted the following, viz:- "That the report of Engineer Brazier on the cost of making changes respecting parking cars at the Hospitals, be referred to the Council of 1920".

Upon motion the matter is filed.

16. G.T.R. CROSSING.

Mayor Little stating that the elimination of the deadly level crossing is a matter of vital importance to every citizen and one which the city council should prosecute most vigorously.

We are advised that the Dominion Government will, in all probability, take over the Grand Trunk within the course of the next few weeks, and an interview with Mr. D. B. Hanna, the president of the Canadian National Railways, indicated that grade separation in London will be given most serious consideration.

A new depot will follow of necessity, and an effort should be made to make it a union terminal.

Alderman Wilson moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to Engineer Brazier with power.

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17. FLORENCE STREET SEWER.

S. Baker certifying that the Council, at its last session, adopted the following, viz:- "That the question of the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Florence Street, between Eleanor and Oakland Avenue, be referred to the Council of 1920".

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18. COMFORT STATIONS.

S. Baker certifying that the Council, at its last session, adopted the following, viz:- "That the question of provisions of additional Comfort Stations be referred to the Council of 1920".

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the matter be referred to Alderman Drake and Engineer Brazier for report.

19. BELL POLE PLACING.

Bell Telephone Company desiring in order to meet the demands of customers for telephone service to open portions of the following streets to place thereon their telegraph poles and wires.

5 - 30' poles on the South side of Walker Street, West from their present Lead.

4 - 30' poles on the West side of Wolseley Avenue, between Rattle and Piccadilly Streets.

12 - 30' poles on the West side of Bouldee, North from Oxford Street.

1 - 35' and 3 - 30' poles on the South side of Beatrice Avenue, between Egerton and Price Streets.

11 - 30' poles on the East side of Linwood Street, North from Oxford Street.

The Bell Telephone Company state that they will be very glad if they will be granted permission, and if the Engineer, or some other officer be instructed, to supervise the erection of the necessary poles.

Alderman Seabrook moves, and it is adopted, that the petition be granted subject to the supervision of the City Engineer, and the Utilities Commission, and without prejudice to any City claim

20. ARCHES.

S. Baker certifying that the Council, adopted the following, viz:- "That the report of the special committee on illuminated arch matters be adopted, viz:- "That the erection of suitable advertising arches at the gateways to the city be referred to the Council of 1920 and the cost therefor placed in the estimates".

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that Building Inspector Piper be instructed to report on costs.

21. VICTORIA SEWER.

R. Fraser requesting that the sewer rates on Victoria Street sewer charged to him on Lot 30 Renwick Avenue be refunded as the sewer is a trunk sewer and was voted on by the taxpayers of the City of London. Mr. Fraser does not think he is entitled to pay for two sewers on the one lot.

Referred to Engineer Brazier for report.

22. SANITARY STORM SEWERS.

S. Baker certifying that the Council, adopted the following motion, viz:- "That the Council of 1920 be asked to go thoroughly into the question of laying of Sanitary Sewers in the same trench as storm sewers where the latter are being laid out, and the former are not already laid".

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23. SPEED OF AUTOS.

S. Baker certifying that the Council, at its last session, adopted the following motion: viz:- "That in view of the danger and complaints made regarding the speed of automobiles on the Public thoroughfares, that this question be referred to the incoming Council with a recommendation that they take up this matter as early as possible, with a view of submitting a schedule of speed or any other suggestions that may tend to the provision of public safety.

Believing that arrangements can be made that will in a large measure be satisfactory to the citizens and motor drivers generally on the streets of the City".

Alderman Wilson moves that the speed limit in the City of London be fifteen miles per hour and the speed at street intersections be reduced to twelve miles per hour.

Alderman Drake moves, in amendment, that the speed limit be twenty miles per hour in the City and twelve miles per hour at street intersections.

The amendment is adopted.

CLERK'S LOCAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT.

S. Baker certifying that he had received:-

- (a) An insufficiently signed petition for the paving of Maple Street, from Talbot to Ridout Street.
- (b) An insufficiently signed petition for paving of Clarence Street, between Horton and Hill Street.
- (c) For a curbing on Euclid Avenue, from Wharncliffe Road to Birch St.
- (d) For a cement sidewalk on North and South Douilton Street, between Hale and End of Street.

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MAPLE STREET PAVEMENT

Alderman Drake moves, and it is adopted, that the Engineer be instructed to report on the paving of Maple Street, between Talbot and Ridout Street on a two-thirds vote of the Council.

PAVEMENTS.

H.A. Brazier stating that he wishes to furnish a statement of Local Improvement construction work completed in 1919, and commenced in 1919 but not completed in 1919, and for which the Council of 1920 will be required to provide funds for:-

Street.	From	To	Am't spent to date	Est. Cost to complete	Total cost.
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Pavements.					
Maple St.	Richmond	Talbot	\$6,192.93	Completed	\$6,192.93
Rectorry St.	Hamilton	Cabell	5,312.00	\$4,648.00	9,960.00

Sidewalks.					
Kenneth Ave.	End of Walk	46' West	106.21	Completed	106.21
Pall Mall St.	Waterloo	284' East	359.61	Completed	359.61
Edna St.	Brookside	W.Lt. of St.	280.90	Completed	280.90

Sanitary Sewers.					
Sparton St.	Palmerton	E.Lt. of St.	1,714.57	Completed	1,714.57
Cathcart St.	Emery	City Lts	508.00	Completed	508.00
Roberts Ave.	Lovett	206' North	552.33	Completed	552.33
Grand Ave.	Gerrard	213' East	915.24	Completed	3,915.24
Riverview Ave	O'Brien	W.Lt. of St.	2,422.93	921.00	3,343.93
Egerton St.	Trafalgar	Grafton	3,048.49	3,976.00	7,024.49

Street Openings.					
Gordon St.	South Lt.	Grosvenor	2,661.34	Completed	2,661.34
Langlely St.	South Lt.	Windsor	4,060.94	Completed	4,060.94

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SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

H.A. Brazier reporting that the following construction work is now being carried out:-

Street	From	To	Dec. of Work.
Riverview Ave.	O'Brien St.	End of St.	Sanitary Sewer.
Egerton St.	Hamilton Rd.	Grafton St.	" "
Trafalgar St.	Egerton St.	Elm St.	Storm Water Sewer
Elm St.	Trafalgar St.	Rosewood	" " "
Rosewood Ave.	Elm St.	Ash St.	" " "

Filed.

CHAIRMAN.

W.A. Wilson stating that he solemnly protests against the manner in which the election of the Chairman of No. 2 Committee was conducted by S. Manness Mutch against Mr. Wilson's wishes, which was unlawful for an outsider to interfere and Mr. Wilson states that he will request the Honorably Body that the Election be taken over and to be conducted by the City Clerk in a fair and legal manner.

Alderman Wilson moves, and it is adopted, that the protest of Alderman Wilson against the manner in which the Chairman of No. 2 Committee was elected be referred to the Council.

ENGINEER'S CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT.

Engineer Brazier called attention to the Committee for the necessity of the Committees recognizing his authority and control of the employees in the Works Department, and it appeared to be the opinion of the Committee that the Engineer should have absolute control.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts being examined, and found correct, are passed for payment, viz:-

E. Leonard & Sons. repairs	\$10.80	C.R. Quick. Gravel	\$14.00
City of London. Flusher Deprec.			
Purdum Hdwe. Soap.	2403.50	Michigan Central Rly	25.00
W. Heaman & Son. Cement & Coal	6.75	Hobbs Hdwe. Hdwe.	28.01
James Wright & Co.	236.30	Grand Trunk Rly.	1770.10
Reliance Machine Wks.	147.28	City of London.	932.95
	20.53	Public Utilities Co.	2727.00

Mallough Fdry. Castings.	\$ 201.23	Chantler Bros. Coal	\$21.84
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.,	32.44	paysheet week Jan. 6th.	1321.49
Paysheet week ending Jan. 6th	689.91	paysheet week ending 6th	164.47
C.L. McRoberts. Hay.	49.98	Collector of Customs.	11.52
Paysheet week Jan. 6th	374.87	Canadian Express Co.	.55
Paysheet week Dec. 30th.	1295.31	paysheet week Dec. 30.	737.84
Paysheet week Dec. 30th.	854.46	paysheet week Dec. 30th.	171.64
W.R. Hunter. Salary	75.00	R.W. Garrett. Salary.	70.00
J. McNamara. Salary.	40.00	L.F. Robertson. Salary	37.50
W.A. Kilpatrick. Salary	48.75	paysheet. Salaries	33.36
W.C. Dodd. Salary.	75.00	F.K. Bragg. Salary	50.00
C.E. Howard. Salary.	52.65	F. Lewin. Salary	42.25
W.E. Stephens. Salary.	70.00	Rigney Bros. Oats.	294.57
Paysheet week Dec. 9th.	21.15	paysheet Dec. 9th	3411.78
Paysheet week Dec. 9th.	793.29	paysheet week Dec. 9	170.03
Paysheet week Dec. 9th	770.05	Dominion Express Co.	.40
Michigan Central Rly.	48.45	G.T.R. Freight Charges.	57.00
G.T.R. Rly. Charges.	15.27	G.T.R. Rly. Charges.	85.50
W.E. Stephens. Salary.	70.00	F. Lewin. Salary.	45.50
E.K. Bragg. Salary	50.00	paysheet. Salaries	33.32
Chaw. R. Quick. Sand	26.00	W.O. Dodd. Salary.	75.00
J. McNamara. Salary.	40.00	W.A. Kilpatrick. Salary.	52.50
T. Sinclair. Hay.	65.88	G.T.R. Freight Service.	120.24
C.E. Howard. Salary.	52.65	J. Worrall. Staw.	9.79
Canadian Express Co. Charges.	.21	C.P.R. Telgraph Co.	.45
W.R. Rumball. Hay.	36.85	paysheet Week Dec. 23rd.	836.48
Paysheet week ending Dec. 23	185.51	paysheet. Week Dec. 23.	670.69
Paysheet week ending Dec. 23	1731.65	H. Allen. Hay.	35.38
W. Liley. Gravel	10.00	L.F. Robertson. Salary	37.50
John Murphy. Sand	4.00	Universal Motor Sales.	692.52
Wm. McCracken. Tile Sewer	6712.50	paysheet week Dec. 16	836.88
Paysheet week ending Dec. 16	2143.30	paysheet week ending	
		Dec. 16th.	727.53
Paysheet week ending Dec. 16.	195.22	H. Bowron. Hay.	28.32
H.L. Grose. Hay.	38.09	R.W. Garrett. Salary.	70.00
W.R. Hunter. Salary.	75.00	J. McLarty. Hay.	116.64
Dymont & Baker Co. Lumber	312.07	The Thames Quarry Co.	208.00
H.V. Thompson. Report.	150.00	The Philip Carey Co.	133.50
Public Utilities Comm.	3.72	Hobbs. Hdwe. Glass.	1.38
Columbia Handle Co. Mapda.	55.10	Forest City Laundry.	.96
C.F. Cole Co. Paper	3.85	A.M. Hamilton & Son.	28.75
Purdom Hdwe. Hdwe.	1.40	Fire Dept. Gasoline.	152.44
Hobbs Hdwe Co. Hdwe.	169.27	Grand Trunk Rly.	1.29
D.H. Gillies & Son. Wood.	40.50	G.H. Belton Lumber Co.	53.14
Marcel Boehn. Soft Coal	190.80	City of London. Band.	28.00
Public Utilities Comm.	6.17	Imperial Oil Ltd. Oil.	23.58
London Concrete Mach. Co.	9.65	Dennis Wire Co. 1 Beam.	7.50
J. Banks. Sand	164.00	City of London. Gravel	318.80
L.A. Boss. Sand.	1.75	Mallough Fdry. Castings.	14.38
A.A. Langford Co. Supplies.	56.05	London Advertiser Job.	8.67
London Engine Supply Co.	62.22	Fire Dept. Gasoline	16.65
Paysheet week ending Aug. 5th	608.58	The Hobbs Mfg. Co. Glass	.50
Remington Typewriter Co.	30.00	J. Darch & Son. Harness.	218.08
Noble & Rich. Repairs.	34.78	E. Francomb. Salary.	9.43
Thos. R. Howard. Work in Hall.	5.40	Canada Crushed Stone Co	413.75
Hagersville Crushed Stone Co.	176.04	Hayman & Mills.	231.95
R. North. Gravel.	.25	Canadian Oil Co.	10.75
W.E. Stephens. Expenses.	2.00	F.J. Greenaway.	12.95
Public Utilities Commission.	1.35	Public Utilities Comm.	4.43
Grand Trunk Rly. Charges.	57.00	City of London.	22219.48
J. Boyle. Stove & Pipe.	9.10	H.A. Warren.	1.70
F.W. Farncomb. Services.	26.60	Cowan Hardware Co.	87.77
Brooks Bros. Wood Blocks.	4.00	London Lumber Co. Maple	63.58
Canadian Oil Co. Coal Oil.	10.75	Taylor Drug Co.	10.90
City of London. Repairs.	16277.11	Tacks. Sand	32.70
Public Utilities Comm.	23.29	Hayman & Mills. Cement.	309.00
Forest City Laundry.	.98	Public Utilities Comm.	54.80
Brick Mfg. & Supply Co.	122.76	J. Darch & S n. Feld.	4.00
The City Gas Co.	24.30	Clark Machinery Co.	
		Repairs.	13.60
B. Blair & Co. Concrete Tile.	3806.54	Dymont & Baker Lumber.	174.26

Ontario Garage & Motor Sales.	\$10.94	London Engine & Supply Co.	\$21.22
Superior Machine Co.	3.30	London Engine & Supply Co.	.50
James Twichen, Supplies.	23.76	A.M. Hamilton & Son. Bran	16.45
Rigney Bros. Oats.	741.42	Public Utilities Comm.	6.73
Brooks Bros. Coal.	13.50	James McCormick. Repairs.	8.70
Cowan Hdwe. Hdwe.	6.22	The Signry.	6.00
Reliance Machine Wks.	2.80	Reliance Machine Wks.	6.54

Total. -- \$70,286.98

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.